

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An information processing device storing user information related to a user and communicating with a plurality of other information processing devices, said information processing device comprising:

presenting means for presenting by wireless communication user information to be read or changed by said other information processing device, said user information includes preference information indicating preferences of said user, and said user information is updated on a basis of a history of use of contents provided from said other information processing device;

specifying means for specifying permission to read or change the user information presented by said presenting means;

identifying means for identifying said other information processing device;

storing means for storing the user information read or changed by said other information processing device identified by said identifying means in association with said other information processing device; and

communicating means for transmitting said user information by quasi-electrostatic field communication, electromagnetic wave communication, or optical communication directly between said information processing device and said other information processing device,

wherein said preference information is transmitted to an information device specified by said user, and said information device is operated in correspondence with said preference information.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a device external to said information processing device is used as an input or output interface.

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein when an initial communication with said other information processing device is performed, a first code used by said information processing device to encrypt information and a second code generated in correspondence with said first code are generated, and said first code is transmitted to said other information processing device, and

a third code used by said other information processing device to encrypt information is obtained via said communicating means.

Claim 6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a communication with an information managing device that manages said user information is performed via a network, and said user information is updated so that contents of the user information stored in said information processing device are identical with contents of the user information stored in said information managing device.

Claim 8 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 7, wherein

said information managing device identifies said other information processing device permitted to read or change said user information, and provides said user information to the other information processing device permitted to read or change said user information via said network.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein

said user is authenticated on a basis of a change pattern of a quasi-electrostatic field or an electrostatic field occurring at a body of said user.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein

new user information is created on a basis of a plurality of pieces of user information associated with a plurality of other information processing devices.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): An information processing method of an information processing device, said information processing device storing user information related to a user and communicating with a plurality of other information processing devices, said information processing method comprising:

presenting user information, by wireless communication, to be read or changed by said other information processing device, said user information includes preference information indicating preferences of said user, and said user information is updated on a basis of a history of use of contents provided from said other information processing device;

specifying permission to read or change the user information presented by a process of said presenting user information to be read or changed;

identifying said other information processing device;

storing the user information read or changed by said other information processing device identified by a process of said identifying said other information processing device in association with said other information processing device; and

transmitting said user information by quasi-electrostatic field communication, electromagnetic wave communication, or optical communication directly between said information processing device and said other information processing device,

wherein said preference information is transmitted to an information device specified by said user, and said information device is operated in correspondence with said preference information.

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A recording medium on which a program of an information processing device, said information processing device storing user information related to a user and communicating with a plurality of other information processing devices, is recorded, said program making a computer perform:

presenting user information, by wireless communication, to be read or changed by said other information processing device, said user information includes preference information indicating preferences of said user, and said user information is updated on a basis of a history of use of contents provided from said other information processing device;

controlling specifying permission to read or change the user information presented by a process of said presenting user information to be read or changed;

identifying said other information processing device;

performing control so as to store the user information read or changed by said other information processing device identified by a process of said identifying said other information processing device in association with said other information processing device; and

transmitting said user information by quasi-electrostatic field communication, electromagnetic wave communication, or optical communication directly between said information processing device and said other information processing device,

wherein said preference information is transmitted to an information device specified by said user, and said information device is operated in correspondence with said preference information.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): An information processing device for communicating with a plurality of other information processing devices via a network and storing user information related to a user, said information processing device comprising:

communicating means for communicating with a portable terminal possessed by the user via said network;

obtaining means for obtaining the user information, by wireless communication, stored in said portable terminal and relating to said user;

updating means for updating said user information stored in said information processing device on a basis of the user information obtained by said obtaining means, said user information includes preference information indicating preferences of said user, and said user information is also updated on a basis of a history of use of contents provided from said other information processing device;

generating means for generating data for updating said user information stored in said portable terminal; and

communicating means for transmitting said user information by quasi-electrostatic field communication, electromagnetic wave communication, or optical communication directly between said information processing device and said other information processing device,

wherein said preference information is transmitted to an information device specified by said user, and said information device is operated in correspondence with said preference information.

Claim 16 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 15, wherein

when said portable terminal is not connected to said network, said communicating means communicates with said other information processing device in place of said portable terminal.

Claim 17 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 16, wherein

further stored as said user information are:

information for identifying said portable terminal;

a password for said portable terminal to authenticate said other information processing device;

a first code used by said portable terminal to encrypt information and a second code generated in correspondence with the first code;

information for identifying said other information processing device;

a password for said other information processing device to authenticate said portable terminal; and

a third code used by said other information processing device to encrypt information.

Claim 18 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 15, further comprising updating means for updating said user information on a basis of a history of use of contents provided from said other information processing device.

Claim 19 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 15, wherein

an access point connecting said portable terminal with said network is identified, a present value of said user is determined on a basis of a position of the identified said access point, and information on the present position of said user is stored as said user information.

Claim 20 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 19, wherein

an ID for identifying a device corresponding to said access point and an access key necessary to communicate with said device is further stored as said user information.

Claim 21 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 20, wherein

said communicating means communicates with said portable terminal at predetermined time intervals to update the information on the present position of said user, the ID for identifying the device corresponding to said access point, and the access key.

Claim 22 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 21,
wherein

when a request signal indicating a request for conversation with said user is received from said other information processing device via said network, said user information is transmitted to said other information processing device.

Claim 23 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 15,
wherein

said user information exceeding a storage capacity of said portable terminal is further stored.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): An information processing method of an information processing device, said information processing device communicating with a plurality of other information processing devices via a network and storing user information related to a user, said information processing method comprising:

communicating with a portable terminal possessed by the user via said network;
obtaining the user information, by wireless communication, stored in said portable terminal and relating to said user;

updating said user information stored in said information processing device on a basis of the user information obtained by a process of said obtaining, said user information includes preference information indicating preferences of said user, and said user information is also updated on a basis of a history of use of contents provided from said other information processing device;

generating data for updating said user information stored in said portable terminal;
and

transmitting said user information by quasi-electrostatic field communication,
electromagnetic wave communication, or optical communication directly between said
information processing device and said plurality of other information processing devices,

wherein said preference information is transmitted to an information device specified
by said user, and said information device is operated in correspondence with said preference
information.

Claim 25 (Cancelled).

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): A recording medium on which a program of an
information processing device, said information processing device communicating with a
plurality of other information processing devices via a network and storing user information
related to a user, is recorded, said program making a computer perform:

performing control so as to communicate with a portable terminal possessed by the
user via said network;

obtaining the user information, by wireless communication, stored in said portable
terminal and relating to said user;

performing control so as to update said user information stored in said information
processing device on a basis of the user information obtained by a process of said obtaining
controlling, said user information includes preference information indicating preferences of
said user, and said user information is also updated on a basis of a history of use of contents
provided from said other information processing device;

controlling generating data for updating said user information stored in said portable terminal; and

transmitting said user information by quasi-electrostatic field communication, electromagnetic wave communication, or optical communication directly between said information processing device and said plurality of other information processing devices,

wherein said preference information is transmitted to an information device specified by said user, and said information device is operated in correspondence with said preference information.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): An information processing device storing user information related to a user and communicating with a plurality of other information processing devices, said information processing device comprising:

a communication unit configured to present by wireless communication user information to be read or changed by said other information processing device and transmit said user information by quasi-electrostatic field communication, electromagnetic wave communication, or optical communication directly between said information processing device and said other information processing device;

a permission input unit configured to specify permission to read or change the user information presented by said communication unit, and said user information includes preference information indicating preferences of said user;

an identifying unit configured to identify said other information processing device;
and

a storage unit configured to store the user information read or changed by said other information processing device identified by said identifying unit in association with said other information processing device,

wherein when an initial communication with said other information processing device is performed, information for identifying said information processing device is transmitted to said other information processing device, and said user information is updated on a basis of a history of use of contents provided from said other information processing device, and

wherein said preference information is transmitted to an information device specified by said user, and said information device is operated in correspondence with said preference information.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): An information processing device for communicating with a plurality of other information processing devices via a network and storing user information related to a user, said information processing device comprising:

a communication unit configured to communicate with a portable terminal possessed by the user via said network and transmit said user information by quasi-electrostatic field communication, electromagnetic wave communication, or optical communication directly between said information processing device and said plurality of other information processing devices;

an obtaining unit configured to obtain, by wireless communication, the user information stored in said portable terminal and relating to said user, said user information includes preference information indicating preferences of said user;

an updating configured to update said user information stored in said information processing device on a basis of the user information obtained by said obtaining unit, said user information is also updated on a basis of a history of use of contents provided from said other information processing device; and

a generating unit configured to generate data for updating said user information stored in said portable terminal,

wherein said preference information is transmitted to an information device specified by said user, and said information device is operated in correspondence with said preference information.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the user information includes the user's name.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a sensor configured to detect a radio wave signal emitted from a chip external to the information processing device, and said user is authenticated based on the radio wave signal.

Claim 31 (New): The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said preference information is music preference information and said other information device is a music reproduction device that is configured to reproduce music based on said music preference information.